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ARUBA IN STYLE/SALON announces the cultural agenda for Fashion Week

The Aruba Tourism Authority sponsored fashion week ARUBA IN STYLE announced at their headquarters in Renaissance Mall the name change to ARUBA IN STYLE/SALON on Friday, August 5; this also marks the expansion of the four-day event into a festival showcasing not only fashion, but the creative and artistic elements of clothing design in a multimedia art show that will bring artists from around the world to participate for ten days of "artistic interventions" at various venues on Aruba.

Gijs Stork, co-founder of The Salon Initiative" with Manon Schaap and Cathal McKee, explained the purpose of the program is "to demonstrate how Fashion transcends borders and cultures by showing how these disciplines are in fact an attitude and a vision not defined



Gijs Stork with AIS founders Ronchi de Cuba and Eveline Wever

by a generation or a certain style." Participating artists and designers have created extremely intriguing and stimulating expositions for past Salons, which reveal the process of realizing their vi-

sion and how the various influences of environment, politics, social change and pop culture effect fashion design, done with creativity and "passion for their work."

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Aruban artists participating in the AIS Salon

Islanders learn how to stay healthy at the Aruba Health Expo



Playa Trading brings in guest speakers Diane Sockwell and Dr. Gordon Tessler. (See story on page 4)

ECB acts to stem further eurozone havoc



Photo shows a cyclist riding past the European Central Bank headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany. The Euro system of central banks has decided to intervene decisively on markets to respond to the escalating debt crisis, a euro zone monetary source said after a European Central Bank conference call yesterday. The European Central Bank will intervene decisively on markets to protect Italy and Spain from an accelerating debt crisis, indicating it would buy government bonds of the euro zone's third and fourth biggest economies.

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

London braced for further rioting

LONDON (AFP) - London police yesterday maintained an uneasy calm as night fell on the area the day after some of the capital's worst rioting in years, sparked by the fatal shooting of a local man.

As the sun set yesterday, Scotland Yard reported that youths had vandalised a police car and smashed two windows in Enfield, a north London suburb three miles north of Tottenham, the area at the center of the previous night's disorder.

Additional police resources were deployed in the volatile neighbourhoods yesterday as the Metropolitan force vowed to avoid a repeat of the earlier scenes of mayhem.

Homes were torched and shops looted late Saturday, conjuring up memories of 1985 riots in the same area and dampening the mood in a city hosting the Olympic Games in a year.

Police said 26 of its officers

were hurt, while three members of the public also needed treatment following the surprise violence. By yesterday, all the injured police officers had been discharged from hospital.

A total 55 arrests were made, while Prime Minister David Cameron's office described the rioting as "utterly unacceptable."

A spokesman for the London Fire Brigade said all the fires were under control.

"We are still at the scene of some of them to damp them down and make sure everything is out," he added, as burnt-out cars and buildings in sealed-off roads bore witness to the night before.

The mayhem, which broke out in Tottenham just before sunset on Saturday, followed a protest over the death of a 29-year-old man last Thursday during an apparent exchange of gunfire with police.

Thursday's killing of Mark Duggan, a father-of-four, was "absolutely regrettable," police commander Adrian Hanstock said in a statement, adding that an investigation into the shooting was underway.

According to the Guardian newspaper, initial ballistics tests on a bullet which was found lodged in a police officer's radio when Duggan was shot revealed it was a police issue bullet, raising doubts over the early explanation of events.

Duggan's brother Shaun Hall called for peace.

"We're not condoning any kind of actions like that at all," he told Sky News.

"I know people are frustrated, they're angry out there at the moment, but I would say please try and hold it down. Please don't make this about my brother's life, he was a good man."

Chavez in Cuba for more cancer therapy

HAVANA (AFP) - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez was in Cuba yesterday for a second round of chemotherapy treatment following the removal of a cancerous tumor in June.

The 57-year-old Chavez, who has lost his hair due to the treatment, expressed confidence he will return to Venezuela in a few days "in better condition than I am now."

"We will come out of this stronger. I am sure of it. My perspective is lengthening, and it's not 2012, but 2031," he said before his departure from Caracas, referring to his plans to run for a third six-year term in presidential elections next year.

While the firebrand leftist was in Havana, Venezuelan media aired an interview with an introspective Chavez who admitted that inefficiency had

been a major shortcoming of his 13-year socialist government.

"The lack of efficiency in the day-to-day routine led to big mistakes that have often jeopardized the government's social and economic policies and its attention to people's problems," Chavez told private channel Televen before his departure.

It was a "smiling and very talkative" Venezuelan leader who stepped off the plane in Havana late Saturday, according to an official statement released by Cuban state media.

Chavez said last month he had "successfully" finished a first round of chemotherapy, and with no malignant cells found in his body he was "beginning a new life," although he was cautious about the future.

Dalai Lama's political successor sworn in

DHARAMSHALA (AFP) - Lobsang Sangay, a 43-year-old Harvard scholar, was sworn in as head of the Tibetan government-in-exile today, replacing the Dalai Lama as the movement's political leader.

In a historic shift from the dominance of Tibetan politics by religious figures, the new prime minister, who has never set foot in Tibet, will assume the temporal duties relinquished by the Dalai Lama in May.

Although the 76-year-old monk will retain the more significant role of spiritual leader, as well as his hold on major



Lobsang Sangay

policy-making decisions, the transition will make Sangay a far more prominent figure than his predecessor.

Actor Francesco Quinn, son of Anthony Quinn, dies at 48

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Francesco Quinn, who like his father Anthony Quinn embraced a career in acting, died at his home in Malibu, California on Friday at the age of 48, his agent said yesterday.

"We are extremely saddened to announce the untimely death of our dear client and friend, Francesco Quinn," said his talent agent, Arlene Thornton, in a statement yesterday.

The son of legendary actor Anthony Quinn, who passed away in 2001, was pronounced dead in Malibu, the beachside haven for celebrities west of Los Angeles.

"The exact cause of death



Francesco Quinn

has not yet been determined," added Thornton. According to local media reports, Quinn died from a heart attack.

Francesco Quinn had three children

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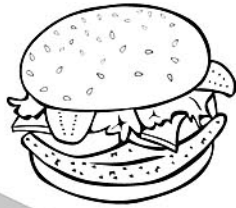
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Hospital soon to be run by three bosses



ORANJESTAD -- On the 31st of January 2012, the medical director of the Aruba Hospital, Mr. Arnoud Boesten will terminate his term of service with the Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital. Back in 2006 when the contract between Boesten and the Hospital was signed, it was agreed that after 5 years when he reaches 67 years of age that he will leave and go on pension.

The "Stichting Ziekenverpleeging Aruba for years has had a Board consisting of two persons, a financial director, Fernando Rigaud, and a pres-

ident/medical director, Dr. Arnoud Boesten. After receiving external professional advice concerning a possible different management structure, the supervisory Board of the Hospital came to the following decision.

Immediately following the exit of Boesten, they will introduce a management structure consisting of 3 persons. The new structure will consist of a general director as president of the Board, a director of business services, and a medical director.

Since November 2010 Mr.

Theo Kool has been employed at the Hospital as the director of business services. Kool is slated to be one of the members of the three-man Board for the new Board of Directors.

The process of searching for a general director and a medical director will begin in earnest very soon. The intention is to have the new board installed by February 2012, immediately following the departure of Dr. Boesten.

The selection process will be primarily directed towards attracting Aruban nationals.



Pointers to Ponder

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Few Countries take care of their youth like Aruba!

Last week a total of 615 Aruban youngsters received government student loans to further their education. Some 209 of these young people chose to continue their education right here at home, while 325 took off to the Netherlands for their further education and 44 chose to head off to the USA, the other 37 went to Canada, Colombia, Curacao, Costa Rica, Dom. Republic, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

Few countries in the world have a system of education that provides such an opportunity to their young people. Very few countries provide financial support for their young people's college education as does Aruba. In Aruba, every young person who graduates from high school can apply for a four-year study loan and gets this to study wherever he/she chooses.

Obviously, there are stringent conditions to meet in order to qualify, but the vast majority qualifies and gets the study loan. What's more, in addition to the government study loans, we have an ac-

tive foundation who is dedicated to also providing financial assistance to college-bound young people. The Aruba Scholarship Foundation, headed by entrepreneur Clyde Harms, provides substantial financial scholarships to many worthy young people heading primarily to the US for their college or university studies.

This kind of educational support makes Aruba a very privileged country. Aruban young people are therefore extremely proud of their national heritage. College and university education these days are exuberantly expensive for most families, and without the government study loans most of our young people would not be able to afford this higher education. Aruba, by any standard, excels in the manner in which it takes care of its young people.

Again this year we can expect 615 young people returning in about four to five years as skilled professionals to become part of the brain and brawn of this progressive island.



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Islanders learn how to stay healthy at the Aruba Health Expo



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A young girl has her blood checked by Noord Lab Center

The Renaissance Convention Center was a beehive of activity this past weekend with the latest buzz on healthy products, procedures and facilities for care for all ages, from pre-partum to the aged. The Aruba Health Expo featured 50 booths with free samples of various products, testing for blood pressure, eye pressure, cholesterol, triglycerides, body mass index and blood sugar, and informative centers manned by various foundations and their

volunteers advising various groups with particular health concerns.

Bert de Vries, Optometrist and Managing Director of Oduber and Kan joined with the staff of the Foundation for the Visually Impaired (FAVI) to test eyes, "so we can hopefully prevent Arubans from needing our services." Xavier School of Medicine, IMSAN medical facility in San Nicolas, Noord Labs, Visser Trading and Aruba's White Yellow Cross also offered islanders the opportunity to find out if they need to see their doctor, ASAP.

The two days dedicated to improved health were punctuated by lectures from several foundations; international guest speakers included Dr. Gordon Tessler speaking on "The Truth about your Health" and Diane Sockwell talking on skin care courtesy of Playa Trading. Dr. Henk Marsman spoke on "The Quality of Aruba's Drinking Water," Dr. Alex Schwengle covered "Oncology on Aruba," and Dr. Jaime Falconi talked of "Stroke Awareness," to mention just a few of the pertinent topics covered during the two full days of lectures.

The diversity of products demonstrated and the wealth of services and information offered was almost heart-stopping; organizers report an enthusiastic response from the public, with the hope of this becoming an annual event.

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It is truly an honor and a privilege for me to address you in this prestigious paper.

Today is undoubtedly a most beautiful day for the "Police Force Aruba," celebrating the date of its birth.

The day August 17th was chosen after we got our "Status Aparte".

In the first months of the year 1986, we were so busy; we hardly had time to think on ourselves.

Then one day I sat down with the Minister of Justice and knowing that his birthday was coming up, we decided to have a double celebration on August 17th.

My remarks are designed for members of the Aruban Police Force and their families, friends and the loved ones of the courageous Police Officers.

I will start with taking you back in time.

"There is a feeling of uncertainty in the air.

Many colleagues are tense and uneasy.

The Big Chief is in Aruba.

He tells some police officers: "When later on in the meeting, I ask who is leaving, you, you, you and you all, should stand up, beat your chest with your hands and

Say: "I am leaving. I am going with the Antillian Police Force". The rest will follow.

That's the atmosphere amongst the police officers in Aruba.

The year is 1985, just months before our "Status Aparte".

The Police Force is 40% understaffed. In addition 42 more Police Officers decide to leave Aruba.

The fireworks burst into the air at midnight on January 1st. 1986, together with the country Aruba, the new "Police Force" was born.

At the helm stood one Commissioner of Police and four Police Inspectors of whom two are more loyal to the "Antillian Police Force" than to the "Korps Politie Aruba". The "backstabbing" is a daily occurrence.

Now please read with attention, because they are often forgotten and never is it mentioned, but 200 Police Officers stood their ground and showed their courage. They decided to stay to defend, protect and serve the Aruban citizens.

It was with these 200 Police Officers that all the police work had to be done.

I know that the winds of change have also blown over Aruba and that today

things are different. I just simply have the need to share this with you. We must always forgive but never forget.

With the oil refinery closed and the economy in a downward spiral, it was these 200 Police Officers who stood guard day and night.

The historical annals today show that these 200 Police Officers took care that crime did not increase in the land Aruba.

Not long after the historical words were spoken by some police officers leaving Aruba: "I would not even stay for a wheelbarrow of gold" these infamous words came back to haunt them. They were now offering ... a wheelbarrow of gold to come back to Aruba.

The year 1986, closed with one Commissioner, three Police Inspectors and 200 Police Officers

These 200 Police Officers built the bridge of tranquility and assurance that we enjoy today.

They converted many stumbling blocks into stepping stones and today look around; what you see today had its origin 23 years ago.

But some how, we have forgotten the hardship these 200 Police Officers endured.

Some of these Officers have gone on to the Heavenly Father and may be directing traffic in heaven today.

I believe it's time that we recognize and honor these 200 Police Officers and pay tribute to those who have gone on.

Today I feel proud, not only as the first Police Commissioner of Aruba, but most of all I feel proud to be the Commissioner who served with the 200.

Congratulations all the members of the Police Force. Have a nice day.

God bless Aruba and its Police Force."

Remarks made by retired Commissioner of Police, Roland W. Peterson,

Celebration:
Police Day Aruba
August 17th 2009.



Sci-Tech

Wire pops lock certified for US defense facilities



Hackers at a DefCon gathering were shown how a high-security lock certified for use in sensitive US government facilities can be easily opened with just a piece of wire.

Security specialist Marc Weber Tobias had plans to meet in Switzerland with lock-maker Kaba to discuss ways that the Swiss company's Access Control E-Plex 5800 model and its predecessor can be foiled.

"It is a threat to the government," Tobias told AFP after his presentation at DefCon, which wraps up in Las Vegas on Sunday.

"I am serious about it because I don't know where they have been installed," he continued. "They could be at the Pentagon."

The Kaba 5800 was described as the first lock certified as meeting new US Department of Homeland Security requirements for coded access that keeps track of which contractors or federal workers open which doors.

The lock is designed to be opened by swiping a key card and then entering a long number code.

Tobias and cohort Toby Bluzmanis showed how a Kaba 5800 could be opened by poking a piece of wire through the casing of a small LED light on the lock face and short-circuiting underlying electronics.

Red and green LED lights on the lock are part of a feature that lets a receptionist open a door remotely with a push of a button.

The lock could also be opened with the thump of a mallet or by removing an inside plate and inserting a wire in a way that lets someone, from that point forward, open the door by pushing a handle up instead of down, according to the duo.

"We figured out nine different ways to break 5800," Tobias said.

"You are not going to get away with some of these techniques at the Pentagon; you would have a nine-millimeter pistol pointed at you."

Tobias and his team began to scrutinize the lock after learning that several years ago members of the Jewish community figured out that an earlier Kaba keypad access model could be opened using a magnet.

Keypad locks had found a niche in the Jewish community because the religion prohibits using keys on the Sabbath, according to Tobias.

"A Jewish geek squad was helping elderly people open their doors when they couldn't remember key codes," Tobias said. "They figured out you could open the locks with a magnet."

The Kaba 5800 model is priced at more than a thousand dollars and the company was said to have sold fewer than 2000 units, with the new DHS standard not being in place until next year.

"Kaba is a good company," Tobias said. "This is a problem endemic in the lock industry, they think like engineers not hackers."

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US opens ways for Shell drilling in Arctic Ocean



ALASKA--US officials have granted Anglo-Dutch energy giant Shell conditional approval to begin drilling exploration wells in the Arctic Ocean from next year, in a move swiftly slammed by conservationists as "inexcusable."

The US Interior Department has opened the doors to Shell's proposal for four shallow water exploration wells in Alaska's Beaufort Sea to start in July 2012, said the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) in a statement recently.

Final approval requires Shell to obtain permits from other US agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency, the US Fish and

Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service.

"We base our decisions regarding energy exploration and development in the Arctic on the best scientific information available," said BOEMRE's director Michael Bromwich.

The agency would closely review the oil giant's activities to ensure they are conducted in a "safe and environmentally responsible manner," he said.

Shell welcomed the news, saying it added to the company's "cautious optimism that we will be drilling our Alaska leases this time next year."

Environmentalists, pointing to the vastly complicated

task of drilling in the harsh Arctic environment and effectively cleaning up any spills in such conditions, slammed the decision as "dangerous and disappointing," saying it puts the remote region, its wildlife and native communities at risk.

The move ignored a wealth of concerns raised by the same US agencies during the catastrophic 2010 BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, said a statement backed by leading environmental groups the Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, and Alaska Wilderness League.

President Barack Obama had in May, prompted by high gasoline prices, committed to annual oil and gas lease sales in Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve, directing the Department of Interior to conduct annual lease sales in the region.

Earlier this year, retired Coast Guard admiral Thad Allen, who led the US response to the Gulf spill, warned how the United States was ill-equipped to deal with a major oil catastrophe in Alaska, with little infrastructure to mount an adequate response, amid harsh weather and unpredictable ice floes.



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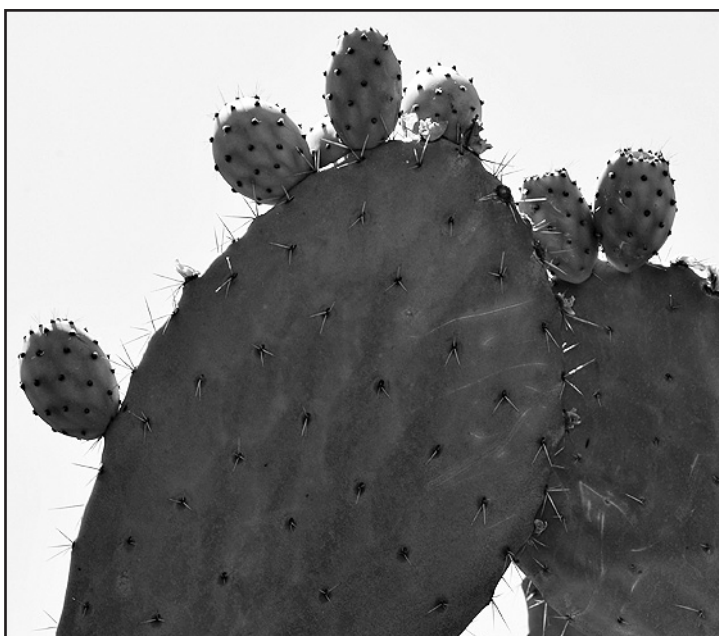
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MOROCCO, Skhour Rhamna : A prickly pear or barbary fig tree is pictured in Skhour Rhamna region near Marrakech. Morocco, as well as other countries producing Barbary figs, has launch through the 'Agence du Sud' governmental agency a program to develop cosmetic and pharmaceutical products made with barbary figs. (AFP PHOTO)

Adjusting routines before School starts may ease transition to class

Adjusting routines before school starts can make it easier for families when children return to classrooms after summer vacation, an expert says.

"Returning to the routine of the school year can be overwhelming for adults and students," Josh Klapow, a clinical psychologist and associate professor in the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health, said in a university news release.

"During the school year there's a sleep schedule, a tighter timeframe for performing household chores and the sense of fewer hours in the day. Altogether, this can lead to debilitating anxiety," he explained.

Advance preparation for the new school year is crucial.

"Throughout the summer

vacation, you and your children have developed new habits and routines. Breaking those is extremely difficult to accomplish in a day," Klapow said. But introducing routine changes beforehand can ease the transition from summer holidays to the new school year.

"This means adjusting bed times and morning alarms starting now. If they already haven't been reading through the summer, have the children pick up a book for at least 20 minutes a day, to mimic homework time. This helps everybody in the household re-adapt," Klapow said.

It's important for parents to remain calm and composed, he added.

If you're feeling frantic and unprepared, that's what your child will pick up on," Klapow said.

WHO warns leprosy spreading in India

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Six years after leprosy was declared officially eliminated in India, officials and doctors are warning that the disfiguring disease is spreading in poverty-stricken pockets of the country.

The head of the World Health Organization (WHO) in India, Nata Menabde, told AFP in an interview that nearly a third of India's districts needed urgent attention to address the spread of new infections.

"There are about 209 out of 640 districts where the number of new cases exceeds the WHO target of less than 10 new cases per 100,000," she said.

"India is the biggest contributor to the global burden with 120,000 new cases per year," she added.

Leprosy, an ancient disease which causes lesions on the skin and attacks nerves in the hands and feet, resulting in disability, was declared officially eliminated in India in

2005 according to WHO guidelines on prevalence rates.

The WHO allows governments to declare that leprosy is no longer a public health risk if the prevalence rate falls below one case per 10,000 people.

Ten percent of the new cases occurring in India involve children, the WHO's Menabde said.

"The high incidence among children shows that the transmission rate is very high," she said, calling it an early warning for the government.

"It suggests that progress against leprosy can also reverse and it can grow and India can also lose its position as having eliminated the disease," she said.

Vivek Pai, director of the non-profit Bombay Leprosy Project, said a sense of complacency had crept into the government's policy towards leprosy after 2005.

"They changed tracks too

soon, took their focus off and now we are seeing a rise in cases in certain pockets," he said, citing the case of Maharashtra, India's richest state and home to the national financial hub of Mumbai.

"Just a couple of months back, the central leprosy division found that the number of new cases in Maharashtra has gone up from 9-10 per 100,000 in 2006-07 to 13 per 100,000 now. It's very worrying," he told AFP.

He said a decline in funding from state and private donors hurt efforts to fight the disease.

"Agencies which used to support us don't think it's important anymore. It's a huge problem. We don't turn away patients but we are forced to delay treatment because of funding constraints," he said.

"What we must do now is raise awareness that it is a medical and a social challenge. There are many invisible customs we must fight against," he told AFP.

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This fall's skirt: the midi



Everyone from David Koma to Prada and Jason Wu showcased knee-length or just-below-the-knee skirts during the fall/winter shows this year, and judging from Polyvore's trend ranking, the midi -- entering the charts at number one this week -- will be the hemline to go for come the colder season



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AIS Salon organizer with ATA personnel

Co-founders of AIS/SALON, Ronchi de Cuba, Eva Wever and Damalice Mansur expressed their extreme excitement in having The Salon as a part of Aruba's inaugural fashion week, which will take place November 3 through 6; the Salon events will continue for ten days, until the 13th. The organizers have already staged six very successful such events, five in Holland and one in Cape Town, South Africa, and already have been contracted to conduct more in other cities, such as Istanbul.

Presently, 24 Aruban artists, designers, filmmakers and performers are confirmed

to participate in the upcoming event with a tribute to Aruba's most famous international fashion figure, the late Percy Irausquin, tentatively scheduled. Percy was at the precipice of worldwide fame and already in demand with Dutch elite and royalty when he died from an aneurism at the age of 39.

The Aruban roster includes: Ciro Abath, Ronchi de Cuba, Telka van Dodewaard, Nelson Gonzalez, Rob ter Haar, Pricilla Lacle, Michael Lampe, Elisa Lejuez, Elvis Lopez, Osaira Muyale, Ryan Oduber, Hugo Palmar, Pink catwalk, Rebecca Roos, Claudia Ruiz-

Vasquez, Alydia Wever, Jess Wolff, and Ken Wolff. The six participants from South Africa are: Darki, Stiaan Louw, Chris Saunders, Athi Patra Ruga, Paul Ward, and David West and there will be over 20 from The Netherlands who are veterans of The Salon experience.

ARUBA IN CONNY GROENEWEGEN AT MUSEUM VAN LOON AN EXAMPLE OF SALON

interventions and expositions will be conducted at various venues around Aruba: the home of Elisa Lejuez, House of Mosaic, Westin Aruba Resort, Aruba Archaeological Museum, Arends House, now Papiamento restaurant, De Suikertuin Restaurant, which is a landmark building, Ateliers '89, Renaissance Resort, Renaissance MALL, BLEU Lounge in the lobby of the Renaissance Hotel. Renaissance Convention Center, Fort Zoutman (tentative), VNO offices-Dutch Delegation to Aruba, Cas di Cultura, Studio O, Reina Beatrix International Airport arrival hall, landmark home of Maria Teresa, and various locations around San Nicolas.

The Salon maintains a website with some stylish chronicles of past events: <http://www.salon1.org/> and a Facebook page for the ARUBA IN STYLE/SALON Fashion Week, which FB subscribers can "like" to receive updates on the upcoming event.

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Follow the Rhythm at Aruba's 5th Annual Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival this October

Angie Stone, Eddie Palmieri and Candy Dulfer among Headliners

NEW YORK – Aruba is gearing up for its fifth annual Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, taking place October 7 - 8 in the capital of Oranjestad at Cas di Cultura Plaza. Travelers and music enthusiasts are invited to enjoy the sun, sand, and rhythms during this exciting weekend-long event.

Since 2007, Aruba's Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival has featured international and local artists from a variety of musical genres including salsa, jazz, rock, and even hip hop. In addition to music, highlights of the festival include street theater, fine arts, and a food area with culinary specialties.

This year's Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival will feature the following artists:

Angie Stone - American R&B and soul singer-songwriter, keyboardist and record producer. Stone began her music career during the 1990s as part of the R&B trio Vertical Hold which released the popular single "Seems You're Much Too Busy" as well as two albums: A Matter of Time (1993) and Head First (1995). Stone recently finished a stand-up theatre play tour entitled Issues: We've Got Them All in which she had a leading role.

Eddie Palmieri - Grammy Award winning Puerto Rican pianist, bandleader and musician, Palmieri is best known for combining

jazz piano and instrumental solos with Latin rhythms. He won two Grammys for the recordings of Palo Pa Rumba and Solito. Palmieri currently continues to be actively involved with music. He formed a new band, La Perfecta II, with whom he recorded the CD Ritmo Caliente (Hot Rhythm).

Candy Dulfer - Dutch smooth jazz alto saxophonist, Dulfer began playing at the age of six. She founded her band, Funky Stuff, when she was fourteen years old. Her debut album Saxuality (1990) received a Grammy Award nomination. Dulfer has released nine studio albums, two live albums, and one compilation album. She has performed and recorded songs with other notable musicians, such as her father Hans Dulfer, Prince, Dave Stewart, René Froger, Van Morrison, and Maceo Parker.

Richard Bona - Prominent jazz bassist and musician, Bona's first solo album, Scenes from My Life, was released in 1999. He has also been prominently featured in

Jaco Pastorius Big Band albums, as well as many other albums by various top-tier jazz musicians. In 2005 Bona released his fourth album Tiki, which included collaboration with John Legend on one track, entitled "Please Don't Stop."

Raul Midon - Singer-songwriter and guitarist, Midon combines his distinct voice, strumming, beats, and vocal mouth trumpet sounds to create a one-man performance. His style shows influences of a variety of genres, including jazz, blues, R&B, and folk. In March 2009, Midon began working with Grammy Award winning producer, Larry Klein on his latest album "Synthesis" for the Universal Decca Label.

The concept of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival appeared as a replica to the world-class North Sea Jazz



Raul Midon

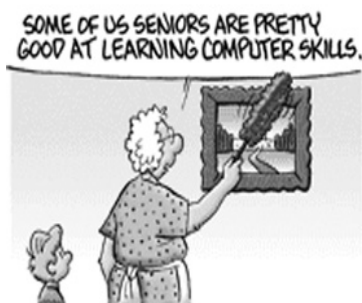
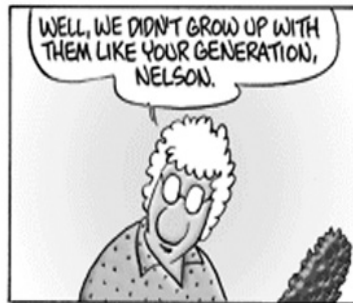
Festival created by Paul Ackett, taking place in the Netherlands in the summer. The annual Aruba Jazz & Latin Music festival, which took place from 1986 until 2001, can be viewed as a predecessor of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival.

Tickets cost US \$35 for a daily pass. For more information of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, please visit: www.caribbeanseajazz.com. For more information on travel to Aruba, please visit www.aruba.com.



Eddie Palmieri

COMICS



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ACROSS

1. Hotel's offering (abbr.)
4. Canter or gallop
8. Dart
12. Tell fibs
13. Movie lioness
14. Romantic gift
15. Motionless, as a pond
17. Hertz's competitor
18. Actress Remick
19. Bull's-eyes
21. Digress
24. Biology, e.g. (abbr.)
25. Actress Tyler
26. Joan of —
28. Baldwin and Guinness
32. Employer
34. Unhappy
36. Canyon sound
37. Rent again
39. Comic Newhart
41. Tupperware top
42. Speak out
44. Deserves
46. D.C.'s river
50. Seamstress's target
51. British title
52. Scouring powder
56. Biblical "you"
57. Discontinue
58. Ike's theater
59. Took to court
60. Small child

61. Obama's party (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Author Stevenson's initials.
2. Major engineering school (abbr.)
3. Elevation reference point (2 wds.)
4. Swiss city
5. Ga.'s neighbor
6. Contradictive contraction
7. London farewells (2 wds.)
8. Easily broken
9. Tender sentiment

10. "What time —?" (2 wds.)

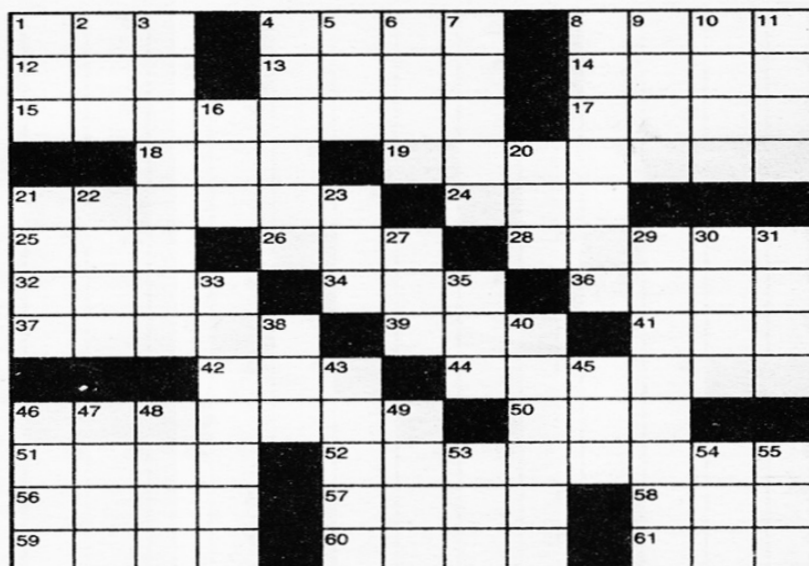
11. Actress Harper
16. Munich's land (abbr.)
20. Nipper's co.
21. Uncomplimentary remark
22. Sensible
23. Stammerer's syllables
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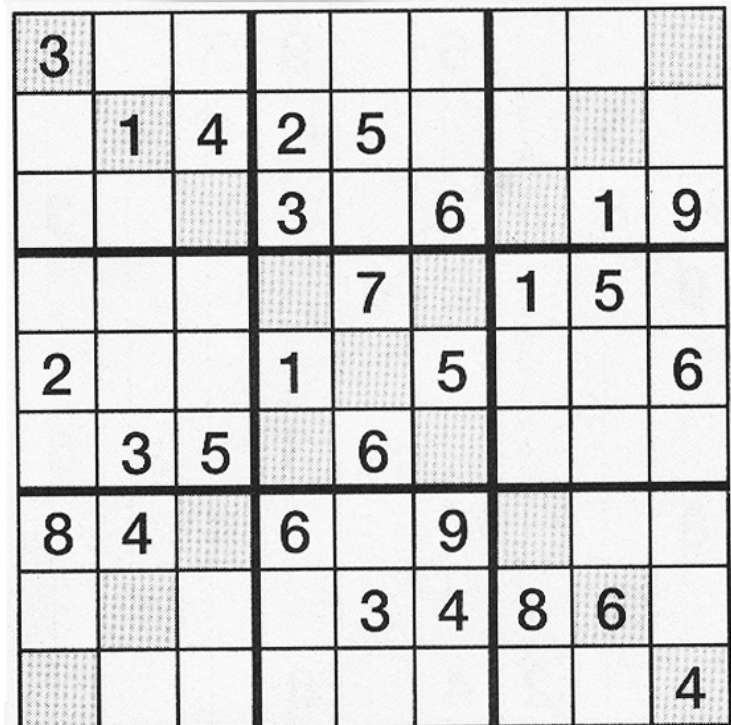
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An update of the estimation of Aruba's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for 2010 and 2011 and a first estimation for 2012

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ORANJESTAD -- The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) has recently revised its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimation for 2010 and forecast for 2011, and has made a projection for 2012. Available information to the CBA confirms the previously estimated economic contraction in 2010, while the latest forecasts continue to show a significant improvement in 2011 and a further growth in 2012.

The 2010 GDP estimate in real terms was somewhat reduced from its previous estimate of March 2011, i.e., from -2.8 percent to -2.9 percent. This small decrease was largely the result of a lower growth than anticipated in government consumption, compared to the previous forecast.

The expectation for a re-

covery of economic growth in 2011 has improved, as reflected by a 1.7 percentage points increase in the expected growth in the real GDP to 10.6 percent, despite lower economic growth in the United States, an acceleration in the inflation rate in Aruba, and higher oil prices on the international market. The improvement in the CBA's expectation for 2011 is largely due to a more pronounced impact of the re-opening of the Valero oil refinery on the overall economy than was previously anticipated.

Moreover, available data indicates that the increase in private consumption is higher than previously estimated, while according to the 2011 government budget, government consumption will be higher than estimated earlier. Furthermore, the projection for exports was increased to more accurately reflect the activities of the oil sector, and the better than previously expected performance in the

tourism sector. Because of the increased economic activity, the projection for imports has also increased.

For 2012 the CBA anticipates, based on available information at the time of the projection, that economic activities will continue to expand, and that a 3.6 percent growth in real terms will be realized. This growth will be strongly influenced by investment activities, which are projected to continue to increase, supported by the ongoing economic recovery, both in Aruba and abroad, and improving investor confidence. Improved private consumption is also expected to contribute to the GDP growth, as economic activities continue to pick-up, resulting in more jobs, and thus more disposable income. Moreover, the forecasts indicate that exports will grow on the back of the sustained recovery in the tourism sector. The table below summarizes the GDP estimates in real terms.

				Change from previous forecast of March 2011 (in percentage points)	
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011
GDP	-2.9	10.6	3.6	-0.1	1.7
Private consumption	-0.3	4.2	2.2	0.0	1.1
Public consumption	2.1	0.0	-0.5	-1.2	4.5
Private investment	-9.9	15.1	8.7	0.0	-0.7
Public investment	-10.1	3.9	4.5	0.0	-7.7
Imports	-8.3	15.0	1.3	-0.2	2.7
Exports	-10.0	24.3	0.7	0.0	3.9

Greenspan: No double-dip recession but Europe a worry



WASHINGTON - Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan yesterday downplayed the risk of a double-dip recession in the United States, saying its domestic economy was in better shape compared to its European peers.

A double-dip recession "depends on Europe, not the United States," Greenspan told NBC television's "Meet the Press." "The United States was actually doing relatively well -- sluggish, but going forward -- until Italy ran into trouble."

Fresh credit warnings as US lawmakers trade blame

Standard & Poor's warned yesterday that there was a one in three chance of a further US credit downgrade, as lawmakers traded blame for the failure to rein in the country's massive debt.

The ratings agency docked the United States from a sterling AAA to a AA+ rating on Friday largely because of the failure of bitterly divided US leaders to reach a consensus on containing the country's spiraling debt.

"If the fiscal position of the United States deteriorates further, or if the political gridlock becomes more entrenched, then that could lead to another downgrade," S&P ratings head John Chambers told ABC television.

"The outlook indicates at least a one in three chance of a downgrade" over the next six to 24 months, he said on the network's political talk show "This Week."

He added that in the past it has taken countries nine to 18 years to regain a AAA rating, and warned that "it would take, I think, more ability to reach consensus in Washington than what we're observing now."

But despite early signs that Friday's downgrade could roil world markets and warnings of a new recession by a former top White House economist, senior Democratic and Republican lawmakers continued to trade blame.

Senator John Kerry, a moderate Democrat, called Friday's move a "Tea Party downgrade," referring to the ultra-conservative anti-tax movement, and said a debt deal reached last week after weeks of heated negotiations fell short because some Republicans "were willing to shoot the hostage."

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer

REP	PLATO	GIG
OER	RAVEL	EMU
TKO	UPEND	RPM
CANER	IAM	
CREWEL	DEBASE	
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Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers,

airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

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rooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable TV, high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are

home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation

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Spectacular Segafredo in South Beach Center-Much more than great coffee



Segafredo Terrace

South Beach Center in Palm Beach, across from the Radisson Resort, hosts a number of interesting shops and a wealth of restaurants; we just discovered what may be for lovers of Italian food one of the best and most surprising treasures in the area.

For those not familiar with Segafredo, it is an Italian franchise favored around the world for its great coffee. However, the Aruban outlet now offers so much more. Combined with its charming terrace and the open-air European ambiance, those seeking a delightful dining experience will be as pleasantly surprised as we were while testing out the offerings of their newly acquired award-winning chef.

The cozy eatery now boasts a diverse menu of Panini and Piadine, pastas and antipasti, salads and gourmet thin-crust pizza. We were a party of three and shared the Insalata di Mare, (Seafood Salad), Bruschetta al Pomodoro (there are 3 different kinds!), the Linguini Frutti di Mare and a Pizza Segafredo, topped with 2 kinds of cheese, ham, mushrooms, whole black olives, green pepper and roasted eggplant-absolutely delicious, as was every dish. The seafood salad is served with a fresh-baked piadina, a huge, crusty puff of bread that you break up and use to scoop up this delectable mix of shellfish, arugula and



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other tasty items we failed to identify, but nonetheless enjoyed immensely, seasoned to perfection. One of our party claims to be "very, very, fussy about my seafood," and give this dish in particular their highest praise. The linguini was rich with whole shrimp, mussels, clams and calamari in a sauce that was simply exquisite!

More than ample portions allowed us to share everything and depart utterly stuffed. All of this for a final bill of just barely \$60 that left us well satisfied; our tummies were nicely filled and our wallets weren't empty, always a significant plus in enjoying one's meal. Segafredo offers some tempting desserts, a nice wine list and imported Italian beer, which perfectly complements their 13 varieties of pizza- or invent your own, and a nice selection of typical desserts, such as Tiramisu. They have a fine cabinet of after-dinner liqueurs and patrons are welcome to extend their evening at the South Beach Lounge. Dinner hours are from 6:00 PM to 1:00, so if you have a late-night urge for something special, this is definitely the place.



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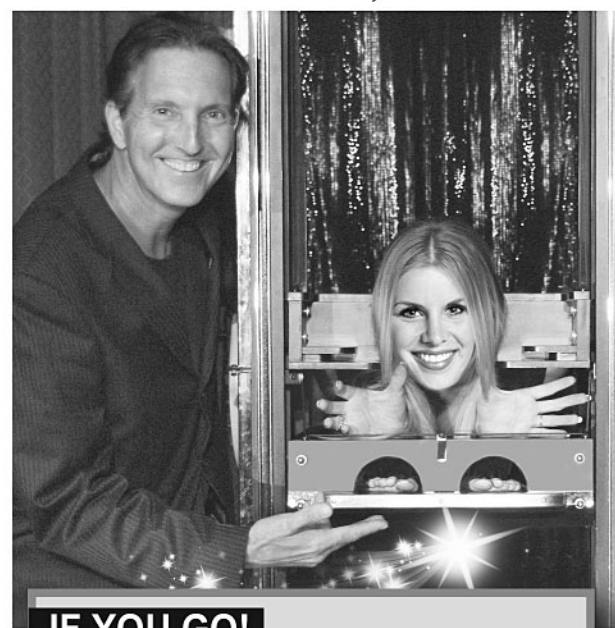
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Mexico's narcocorridos turn drug violence to music

Mexico's popular songs glorifying its drug traffickers, known as narcocorridos, have attracted a growing following in recent years, from Mexico City to Los Angeles.

But authorities in northwestern Sinaloa for the first time banned the ballads in May, surprising many in the home state of Mexico's oldest drug cartel, the Sinaloa cartel, where drug trafficking and its often ostentatious culture are omnipresent.

The ballads are part of a decades-old drug culture, but the new wave of narcocorrido is more gruesome than ever with tales of the life and loves of drug traffickers and accounts of bloody clashes with security forces.

Sinaloa, which lies on the Pacific coast, is one of the three most violent states in the country, recording 2,505 murders last year, according to national statistics.

Killings in parts of Mexico have shot up in recent years amid a military crackdown on organized crime which has sent soldiers onto the streets.

Sinaloa authorities issued the ban on narcocorridos in places selling alcohol to avoid "excuses for crime" and to try to reduce the murder rate, ac-

cording to state government head Gerardo Vargas Landeros.

Narcocorridos gained popularity in the 1970s and 1980s, with their tales of danger and the exciting lives of drug barons, such as Felix Gallardo, who is now in jail.

But the newer songs have taken a darker turn, in what is nicknamed Movimiento Altered or Altered Movement, with songs focusing on weapons and the ever more gruesome ways in which scores are being settled.

"They had very sophisticated weapons in their possession. They had .50 caliber weapons and they used grenades bazookas and AK-47s.

They came in armored cars ... They put up a roadblock ... and all hell broke loose. They fought for almost an hour ... the men died under a hail of bullet.

That song, the tale of a clash between soldiers and hitmen for "El Chapo" -- the billionaire fugitive head of the Sinaloa cartel -- is one of the most pop-



ular, said Aldo Alberto Garcia, a member of a band called "The Sinaloa Three."

The Altered Movement got its start distributing songs on the Internet shortly after President Felipe Calderon ordered 50,000 troops into battle against organized crime gangs at the end of 2006.

Since then, beheadings, mutilations and shootouts have increased as the gangs fight each other and security forces in a bloodletting that has claimed 41,000 lives, according to media counts.

The songs reflect the shifting realities.

"We've started to see a change in narcocorrido toward hyper-violence," said Juan Carlos Ramirez-Pimienta, an academic from the University of San Diego, California, who recently published a book on the ballads.

"The production of narcocorridos is immense, it's impossible to work out how many bands exist," he added.

And despite the ban in Sinaloa, which follows similar moves in the country's most violent state of Chihuahua and the border city of Tijuana, the music plays on.

The Sinaloa government has so far closed 36 establish-

ments out of 5,400 in the state for playing narcocorridos, according to official figures.

But narcocorridos ring out from other radio stations on the streets and in music videos in bars and restaurants throughout the mountainous state.

Bands still plays in seedy bars near the market in Culiacan, the state capital, where stalls sell narcocorrido CDs as well as bright T-shirts bearing images of weapons and jewel-encrusted gun handles.

Performers in cowboy hats gather every night on a central street of Culiacan where they hope to be hired to play a song.

They may be paid by drug lords to write about their exploits and some are known to perform for drug gangs.

Whether narcocorridos exist or not, the violence won't stop. As long as there's drug trafficking this music will continue," said one singer, a guitar slung over his back.



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Showman Djokovic returns to tennis stage



Djokovic

MONTREAL (AFP) - Novak Djokovic switches from the studio to the stadium after two well-received late-night US television appearances in the run-up to today's start of the Montreal Masters.

Serbia's new world number one is still celebrating his rise to top spot in the ATP rankings after winning Wimbledon last month, pushing Rafael Nadal down to second and leaving Roger Federer at number three.

Djokovic showed a natural talent for banter -- and Serbian kolo folk dancing on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno -- and also made a guest appearance one night later with host Conan O'Brien before flying to Canada from Los Angeles where he trained last week on the fringes of the ATP event at UCLA.

In Montreal, tennis's big three, plus Briton Andy Murray, are already training on the hardcourts in the Francophile city.

Djokovic, who won the Montreal title in 2007, will enjoy the first-round bye given to the leading eight seeds before starting his campaign against the winner of the match between former top five regular Nikolay Davydenko and a qualifier.

Second seed Rafael celebrated this week's Twitter

debut with updates on his own practice after flying in from his island home on Mallorca.

The Spaniard, like Federer, will be making his first tournament appearance since Wimbledon, where he lost the final and his number one status to Djokovic.

Nadal begins against either Frenchman Jeremy Chardy or Croatian Ivan Dodig.

Federer, the third seed, comes to Canada confident as he celebrates his 30th birthday on Monday. An official celebration of some kind will be planned as per usual during this week for the 16-time Grand Slam champion from Switzerland.

"I've been practising the past two and a half weeks. It's been somewhat good weather in Switzerland, so I could always practise outdoors, which I was quite happy about," he said.

"I've been playing well, moving well. But I always feel the true tests are in matches."

A handful of players will miss the first important date prior to the August 29 start of the US Open, with former number one Andy Roddick heading the absentee list with a continuing abdominal muscle problem.

Also out is number five Robin Soderling (wrist), Austrian Jurgen Melzer (pulled muscle this week in Washington), Spain's Guillermo Garcia Lopez and Belgian veteran Xavier Malisse.

France's Gael Monfils takes the fifth seeding, ahead of American Mardy Fish, who will hope that the heel injury that prompted him to pull out of Washington after reaching the final in Los Angeles is healed.

Former Wimbledon finalist Tomas Berdych is seeded seventh with Spaniard Nicolas Almagro eighth.

Three more French players are also seeded: Gilles Simon (ninth), Richard Gasquet (tenth) and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (13th).

Australian teenager Bernard Tomic, a surprise Wimbledon quarter-finalist, was given a wild card entry along with LA titleholder Ernests Gulbis.

Real reportedly to sign Neymar in December



MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid has reached a deal with Santos to sign gifted Brazilian teenage striker Neymar in December, a Spanish sports daily reported Sunday.

The 19-year-old, fresh from winning the Copa Libertadores with Santos, has been linked for months to a move to Real Madrid or English Premier League side Chelsea.

"The club has agreed to the request of the player and postponed his arrival until after the World Club Cup" to be held in Japan December 8-18, "so the player would celebrate Christmas as a brand new Real Madrid player," the sports daily Marca said on its website.

It said the deal will be announced this week, and Neymar would arrive in Madrid on December 20.

Neymar's current deal with Santos is worth almost two million dollars a season through to 2015.



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Injured Khan's England tour comes to an end

LONDON (AFP) - India pace-man Zaheer Khan has been ruled out of the remainder of his side's tour of England after being told he requires ankle surgery, it was reported Sunday.

Zaheer, who is also suffering from a hamstring strain, is expected to undergo surgery that could keep him out until November.

A statement from the Board of Control for Cricket in India read: "Zaheer Khan is suffering from a recurrent right hamstring strain and a right ankle impingement.

He will need at least 14-16 weeks to recover completely.

"He will therefore not be able to participate in the ongoing Test series and subsequent T20 International and ODI se-

ries against England."

The 32-year-old Zaheer, a crucial part of the Indian Test team which is 2-0 down in the four-match series against England, picked up the injury in the first game at Lord's and missed the second in Trent Bridge.

He was able to bowl just three overs against Northamptonshire before leaving the field for treatment Saturday, prompting India team manager Anirudh Chaudhry to place doubt on his availability for the third Test at Edgbaston, starting on Wednesday.

India have called up fellow left-arm RP Singh for the remainder of the tour.

The 25-year-old Singh last played a Test match in April 2008 and an ODI in September 2009.

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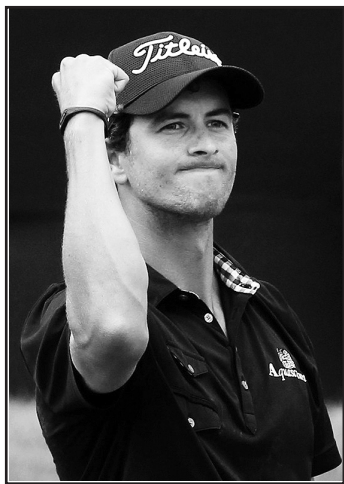
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Aussie Adam Scott wins WGC-Bridgestone



AKRON (AFP) - Australia's Adam Scott won the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational on Sunday, posting a final-round 65 to notch a four-stroke victory over Luke Donald and Rickie Fowler.

Scott, with Tiger Woods' former caddie Steve Williams on his bag, finished with a four-round total of 17-under 263.

The Australian won his first elite World Golf Championships title.

"I felt good today," said

Scott, who finished with a flourish with a birdie at the 72nd hole. "I stayed so patient. I picked my moments."

Donald and Fowler both shot 66 for 267 while Japanese teen phenom Ryo Ishikawa carded a 69 to finish with a share of fourth alongside Australian Jason Day (69) on 268.

Ishikawa, playing in the last group, challenged for the lead but Scott pulled away with birdies at 12 and 14 as the 19-year-old Japanese star bogeyed 15 to fall back.

Ishikawa's bogey from the trees at the final hole cost him a share of second place.

Scott said it was a bonus having a caddie of Williams' experience. Williams caddied for Woods in seven victories at the Firestone course.

Woods sacked Williams this summer and the New Zealander, who had caddied for Scott during Woods' recent injury layoff, made his relationship with the Australian permanent.

IndyCar Mid-Ohio results

LEXINGTON (AFP) - Results on Sunday of the IndyCar Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course:

1. Scott Dixon (NZL) 85 laps in 1hr 48min 46.9509sec (Average speed: 105.861 mph)

2. Dario Franchitti (GBR) at 7.6508sec

3. Ryan Hunter-Reay (USA) same lap

4. Takuma Sato (JPN) s.l.

5. Tony Kanaan (BRA) s.l.

6. Alex Tagliani (CAN) s.l.

7. Marco Andretti (USA) s.l.

8. Oriol Servia (ESP) s.l.

9. Sebastien Bourdais (FRA) s.l.)

10. Vitor Meira (BRA) s.l.

Standings
1. Dario Franchitti (GBR) 428 pts,

2. Will Power (AUS) 366,

3. Scott Dixon (NZL) 335,

4. Tony Kanaan (BRA) 283,

5. Oriol Servia (ESP) 268



BALTIMORE, MD - Brett Lawrie #13 of the Toronto Blue Jays celebrates with Jose Bautista #19 after a 7-2 victory against the Baltimore Orioles at Oriole Park at Camden Yards yesterday in Baltimore, Maryland.



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Stepanek stuns Monfils to win Washington title



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Radek Stepanek, the oldest player in the world's top 100 at age 32, upset French top seed Gael Monfils 6-4, 6-4 on Sunday to win the \$1.4 million ATP Washington Classic.

Stepanek became the oldest ATP champion of the year, the eldest Washington winner since Jimmy Connors in 1988 at age 35 and took a top prize of \$264,000, a fifth career title that lifts him from 54th in the rankings into the top 30.

The Czech veteran had lost five of seven prior matches to Monfils, including their most recent clash

two weeks ago on Hamburg clay, but dominated his first final since last year at Brisbane for his first title since 2009 at San Jose.

Seventh-ranked Monfils, in his first US final and his first final of any kind since last year's Paris Masters, fell to 3-11 in ATP title matches, foiled in a bid for his first outdoor hardcourt crown and fourth career title.

Stepanek broke Monfils with a backhand winner down the line in the third game of the match and led 3-2, 30-love when rain halted play. A break lasted three points, enough for Stepanek

to hold to 4-2 before another downpour hit.

When play resumed, each man held twice, Stepanek taking the set on a service winner after 54 minutes.

Stepanek broke Monfils again to open the second set, the Frenchman racing down the Czech's forehand volley but netting a forehand.

Stepanek made the break stand, serving out to claim the victory after 93 minutes with a forehand volley winner as thunder rumbled in the distance.

For the match, Stepanek connected on only 38 percent of his first serves but won 90 percent of those points, 19 of 21 overall and 12 of 12 in the final set, and took 63 percent of points on his second serve.

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Tiger finishes well back in PGA Championship tuneup

AKRON (AFP) - Tiger Woods fired a par 70 in Sunday's final round of the World Golf Championships Bridgestone Invitational, finishing well off the pace in his first full tournament since the Masters last April.

The 14-time major champion, chasing the all-time record of 18 major titles won by Jack Nicklaus, finished 72 holes on one-over 281 at Firestone Country Club, a course where the former World No. 1 had captured seven career titles.

That left him 14 strokes off the pace of co-leaders Ryo Ishikawa of Japan and Adam Scott of Australia, Scott being helped by caddie Steve Williams, whom Woods fired last month after 12 years of working together.

Woods suffered left knee and Achilles tendon injuries

at the Masters and aggravated them in May at the Players Championship, when he managed only nine holes before withdrawing.

Woods, who has not won any title since the Australian Masters in November of 2009 just before the start of his infamous sex scandal, will return to major competition next week at the 93rd PGA Championship at Atlanta Athletic Club.

Ireland's Padraig Harrington and US 2012 Ryder Cup captain Davis Love will be paired with Woods for the first and second rounds of the year's final major championship. Woods has not won a major title since the 2008 US Open.

On Sunday, Woods birdied the par-5 second and par-3 fifth but handed back both strokes with a double-bogey

6 at the sixth.

Woods stumbled through with bogeys at eight, 10 and 13 but righted the ship with a late run of birdies at the par-3 15th, par-5 16th and par-4 17th before closing with a par.

Meruelo poised to purchase Hawks

ATLANTA (AFP) - Los Angeles businessman Alex Meruelo has reached an agreement to buy a majority stake in the NBA's Atlanta Hawks, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported on Sunday.

In an exclusive interview with the newspaper this weekend, Meruelo said that if the deal is approved he would

be proud to become the first Hispanic owner in the NBA.

"It is important to me," Meruelo, whose parents arrived in the United States from Cuba in 1961, told the Journal-Constitution.

"I'm very proud of my heritage. It's nice to be able to do something that is different and is not in the ordinary. I'm very blessed. I'm very lucky."

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